



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6996

January Session, 2007

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF
THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION POLICE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 26-6 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

3 (a) Conservation officers, special conservation officers and
4 patrolmen appointed by the commissioner under authority of section
5 26-5, shall enforce the provisions of title 23 and this title and chapters
6 246, 247, 248, 249, 255 and 268 and regulations adopted pursuant to
7 such titles and chapters and sections 15-180, 21a-267, 21a-277 to 21a-
8 279, inclusive, 22a-250, 26-192c to 26-192h, inclusive, 29-28, 29-35, 29-
9 38, 53-134, 53-190, 53-191, 53-194, 53-203, 53-204, 53-205, 53-206, 53-
10 206d, 53a-59 to 53a-64, inclusive, 53a-100 to 53a-117a, inclusive,
11 subsection (b) of section 53a-119b, 53a-122 to [53a-125,] 53a-125b,
12 inclusive, 53a-130, 53a-133 to 53a-136, inclusive, 53a-147 to 53a-149,
13 inclusive, 53a-157b, 53a-165 to 53a-167c, inclusive, 53a-171, 53a-181 to
14 53a-183a, inclusive, 53a-217, 53a-217e, 54-33d and 54-33e.

15 (b) Conservation officers, special conservation officers and
16 patrolmen may, without warrant, arrest any person for any violation of
17 any of the provisions set forth in subsection (a) of this section, and any
18 full-time conservation officer shall, in the performance of his duties in
19 any part of the state, have the same powers to enforce such laws as do

20 policemen or constables in their respective jurisdictions. Any full-time
21 conservation officer shall, incident to a lawful arrest while enforcing
22 such laws in the performance of his duties in any part of the state, have
23 the same powers with respect to criminal matters and the enforcement
24 of the law relating thereto as policemen or constables have in their
25 respective jurisdictions.

26 (c) Any conservation officer, special conservation officer or
27 patrolman may, anywhere within the boundaries of the state, examine
28 the contents of any boat, ship, automobile or other vehicle, box, locker,
29 basket, creel, crate, game bag or game coat or other package in which
30 he has probable cause to believe that any fish, crustacean, bird or
31 quadruped is being kept, in violation of any said statutory provisions
32 or any regulation issued by the commissioner, or any regulation issued
33 by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service as provided by section
34 26-91, and to ascertain whether any provision of any law or any
35 regulation for the protection of any fish, crustacean, bird or quadruped
36 has been or is being violated, and, shall have the same authority as
37 police officers to obtain and execute search warrants as provided for in
38 sections 54-33a, 54-33b and 54-33c.

39 (d) Any conservation officer, special conservation officer or
40 patrolman, may be appointed a special policeman under the
41 provisions of section 29-18.

42 (e) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection is authorized to
43 assign one or more conservation officers to patrol and inspect the
44 buildings, lands and waters owned by The White Memorial
45 Foundation, Incorporated, located in the towns of Litchfield and
46 Morris and, in addition to their powers as conservation officers, such
47 officers may be appointed special policemen under the provisions of
48 section 29-18.

49 (f) Each conservation officer, special conservation officer or
50 patrolman shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	26-6
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